Educated unemployed

1960. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed people in the country and the number of people out of them belonging to rural areas;

(b) the number of educated unemployed people out of the total number of unemployment in the country; and

(c) the comprehensive action-plan of Government to check unemployment in the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) As per the employment and unemployment survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation during 1999-2000, number of unemployed persons in the country on usual status basis was around 9 million. Out of these, around 4.4 million belonged to rural areas.

(b) Number of educated unemployed persons in the age group 15 years & above was around 5.5 million during 1999-2000.

(c) Government is targetting creation of around 5 crore employment opportunities during the 10th plan period. The approach to Tenth Plan focusses on providing gainful high quality employment to the additions to the labour force and it is listed as one of the monitorable objectives for the 10th Plan and beyond. The growth strategy of 10th Plan has laid emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors, which are likely to create high quality employment opportunities and deal with the policy constraints, which discourage growth of employment. Particular attention has been paid to the policy environment influencing a wide range of economic activities, which have a large employment potential.